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FOLLOWING IS AN EXCHANGE OF LET-  
TERS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE HONORABLE ALLEN W. DULLES

November 29, 1961

Dear Allen:

As you leave the office which you have held with such distinction. I am sure you know that you carry with you the admiration and affection of all of us who have served with you in the last ten years. I am glad to be counted among the seven Presidents in whose Administrations you have worked, and I am glad also that we shall continue to have your help and counsel as you return to the practice of the law.

You leave behind you, as a witness to your great service, an outstanding staff of men and women trained to the nation's service in the field of intelligence. Your own integrity, energy, and understanding will be a lasting example to them all.

Sincerely,  
(s)  
John F. Kennedy

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

November 26, 1961

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In relinquishing my responsibilities as Director of Central Intelligence on November 29, 1961, I wish to express my appreciation for this opportunity to serve you and thus carry on an association begun under President Truman and continued under President Eisenhower.

You and your predecessors, since the organization of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947, have shown a keen appreciation of the increasing importance of intelligence in the development of our national policy. I feel confident that under your direction my successor, Mr. John McCone, will be able further to fortify the role of intelligence as a major element of our national security.

Over the past fourteen years, we have developed in this Agency a corps of trained men and women in the field of intelligence. Their devotion to their work and to our country's welfare gives assurance that the tasks assigned to the Agency will be carried forward faithfully in the national interest.

Respectfully yours,  
(s)  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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